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Title:	BIODEGRADABLE MIDDLE DISTILLATES AND PRODUCTION THEREOF		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 8, 2003, requiring Applicants to elect Group I containing claims 1-26 and 56 (drawn to a synthetic middle distillate composition), Group II containing claims 27-34 and 56 (drawn to a diesel fuel composition) or Group III containing claims 35-56 (drawn to a process for producing a synthetic middle distillate). Applicants traverse the restriction since claim 56 is a linking claim which the Examiner has indicated falls within each group. Therefore, a single general inventive concept exists.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I containing claims 1-26 and 56 (drawn to a synthetic middle distillate composition). Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of Groups II and III in a divisional or other continuing application.

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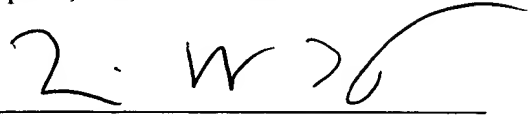
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If the Examiner has any questions she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney
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Respectfully submitted,

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